# BEST PRACTICE GUIDE

# Regional Ribbons for Direct to Card Printers SD/CD/CE Series



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# Getting Started with Entrust Datacard™ Regional Ribbons



Introducing Regional Ribbons as a better solution for your Entrust Datacard™ Printers: SD160, SD260, SD360, SD460, CD800, and CE840 card printers.

When used in conjunction with the latest printer firmware, regional ribbons provide improved communication integrity with high encryption RFID supplies and ensure superior print quality with optimized color rich image printing.

# **Benefits of Using Regional Ribbons:**

### Save money

- Pricing of legacy ribbons will continue to increase
- Move to regional ribbons & save money

### Improves printer performance

- Enhances printer feature set and improves printer speeds
- Protects communication integrity between printer and ribbons
- Ensures superior print quality with optimized color rich image printing

### **Reduces waste**

- Increases card printing efficiency
- · Uses less material than legacy ribbons, reducing environmental waste with every card

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Press center button to identify current printer firmware level

# 3 Simple Steps to Using Regional Ribbons:

- 1. Ensure your printer is up to date with the latest firmware level.
  - Check printer LCD for printer firmware level.
  - · Printers shipped since August 2016 already include firmware features for regional ribbon capabilities
  - Firmware level must be at or above the following:
    - Firmware starting with D2: D2.15.3xx
    - Firmware starting with D3: D3.16.3xx
  - For firmware updates, visit: www.entrustdatacard.com/infocus
- 2. IMPORTANT: Before use of regional ribbons in your printer, first use up all your original ribbon stock of the following ribbon formats: YMCKT 250, YMCKT 500, ymcKT & YMCKT-KT.
  - Once regional ribbon is installed, the printer is optimized for regional ribbons meaning the printer will no longer recognize the original ribbon formats noted
  - All other ribbon formats will continue recognition as normal. Simply load your regional ribbon into the printer. The ribbon will automatically be recognized and ready for printing.
- 3. Loading regional ribbon will automatically optimize settings for all regional ribbon formats and be ready for printing.
  - The printer LCD will now reflect your ribbon region code after the model as reference
  - · Contact your local Entrust Datacard reseller today for all your regional ribbon needs

### Regional ribbons are available for your most common color print needs:

- YMCKT 250 yield simplex or duplex printing
- YMCKT 500 yield simplex or duplex printing
- ymcKT short panel 650 yield simplex printing
- YMCKT-KT 350 yield duplex printing

For all other print ribbon needs, such as monochrome printing, the printer will continue to recognize and use the original ribbon formats. Refer to the Regional Ribbon Cross Reference Chart for details.

# Use of Regional Ribbon pays off — save money, improve performance, enhance security and reduce waste with every card!

A critical element of all card issuance programs is ensuring the right choice of supplies that not only delivers high-quality result, but also optimizes the performance of your system at the right price.

Get the value you deserve with regional ribbons and start saving money today!

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